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TO AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PETRONAS CHAIRMAN TO U.S.

REF: A. KUALA LUMPUR 4319 B. KUALA LUMPUR 3678

1. WE UNDERSTAND FROM MALAYSIAN EMBASSY HERE THAT RAZALEIGH AND OTHERS MENTIONED REF A WILL BE ON EAST COAST BRIEFLY DURING THEIR AUGUST TRIP. SCHEDULE INCLUDES STOPS IN SAN FRANCISCO (AUGUST 14-15), HOUSTON (AUGUST 15-17), ACAPULCO (AUGUST 17-22), AND NEW YORK (AUGUST 22-24) PRIOR TO DEPARTURE TO LONDON.

2. SUGGESTION HAS BEEN MADE THAT WE MIGHT CONSIDER INVITING RAZALEIGH TO STOP BRIEFLY IN WASHINGTON FOR INFORMAL TALKS DURING HIS TRIP. WE GATHER FROM REF B THAT PETROLEUM ACT AMENDMENT HAS AS A PRACTICAL MATTER BEEN SHELVED, AND IF THAT IS EMBASSY'S CURRENT READING, WE WOULD NOT WANT TO STIR THE MATTER UP. IT STRIKES US, THOUGH, THAT QUITE APART FROM THAT ISSUE IT MIGHT BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO MEET WITH RAZALEIGH AS RISING UMNO LEADER AND TO COMPARE NOTES
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GENERALLY ON VARIOUS TOPICS, INCLUDING HIS ASEAN ECONOMIC

VIEWS.

3. EMBASSY'S VIEWS REQUESTED, INCLUDING POSSIBLE IMPACT

OF INVITATION AGAINST BACKGROUND OF PETROLEUM ACT
AMENDMENT, AND PRESENT STATE OF INVESTOR CONFIDENCE
GENERALLY. IF YOU FAVOR INVITATION, EMBASSY'S VIEWS OF
APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF MEETINGS HERE WOULD BE USEFUL. KISSINGER

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